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Hardin-Simmons faculty president elected. Ronald Smith, senior theology professor in the Logsdon School of Theology, has been elected faculty president at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene. Smith has been on the Hardin-Simmons faculty since 1979. Other new faculty officers are Donathan Taylor, associate professor and head of the history department, as vice president, and Allyn Byars, associate professor of physical education and director of the aerobics and human performance lab, as secretary.

Donaldson named Wayland VP. Wayland Baptist University has named Betty Donaldson vice president for institutional advancement. She will oversee development and fund-raising for the university, as well as the alumni services and communications/public relations offices. Donaldson earned both her undergraduate degree and a master's degree in education administration from Wayland. She was vice president of Learning Bridges Educational Company in Arizona and has served in administrative posts with several school districts.

HBU offers workshop. Houston Baptist University and the Christian Association for Psychological Studies will present a workshop on ethical and risk management concerns in Christian psychotherapy April 23 on the HBU campus. Randolph Sanders of New Braunfels, executive director of the Christian Association for Psychological Studies, will be the featured

speaker. For more information, contact (281) 649-3000, ext. 2316, or rnero@hbu.edu.

TOGETHER: Texas Baptists offer hope, God's love_41904

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Texas Baptists offer hope, God's love

Because of Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection, Christians want to offer hope and the love of God everywhere. Three stories illustrate how Texas Baptists are seeking to do just that.

On April 4, quiet streams became raging floods all around Piedras Negras. Pastor Israel Rodriguez called Dexton Shores, director of Texas Baptist River Ministry, for help. He said, "I knew Dexton would get the word to the rest of Texas Baptists." Dexton left San Antonio as soon as he could load a truck with blankets, clothes and drinking water. He sent word to Texas Baptists as well. Tuesday afternoon, Bluebonnet Baptist Association's Texas Baptist Men feeding unit crossed the border with a water purification system.

CHARLES WADE Executive Director BGCT Executive Board
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Because Texas Baptist Men, led by Leo Smith, have a servant spirit and respect the people with whom they work, doors swing open wherever they go. Guadalupe Morales, wife of the governor of the state of Coahuila, was impressed with the range of services Texas Baptists were providing and their willingness to work under the direction of Mexican officials. Due to her influence, Texas Baptist volunteers were invited to the hardest-hit neighborhood at Villa de Fuente.

Former Texas Baptist pastor and new bride commit lives, love to reaching New England_41904

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By Marv Knox

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CHELSEA, Vt.-H.B. Graves popped two questions when he proposed marriage to Jo Maddox.

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By Marv Knox

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MONTPELIER, Vt.-Johnnie and Lahoma Loar may not look the part, but they're expert jugglers.

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By Ferrell Foster

Texas Baptist Communications

Texas Gov. Rick Perry wants to introduce a new level of gambling in the state, and a Baptist legislative expert says it is opening the door to casino-type gaming.

Buckner signs on as first strategic partner with WorldconneX network_41904

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Buckner signs on as first strategic partner with WorldconneX network

By Ken Camp

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DALLAS-Buckner Orphan Care International has become the first “strategic partner” with WorldconneX, the missions network created by the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Christian band goes backwards down under_41904

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Zuigia
band
members
Salem
Posey
(left), Greg
Howle
(center)
and Clinton
Staj
perform at
an outdoor
concert.
The group
will move
to Australia
in August
to perform
in the
public
schools as
part of the
educational
system's
religious
education
classes.

Christian band goes backwards down

under

By Jonathan Petty

Wayland Baptist University

PLAINVIEW-A conversation with an Australian pastor helped Clinton Staj understand he and the other members of his musical group were planning to do things backwards down under.

Cybercolumn for 4/19 by Berry D. Simpson: The right guy_41904

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CYBERCOLUMN: The right guy

By Berry D. Simpson

At lunch, during a conversation about career choices and ministries and teaching the Bible and leading discussion groups and spiritual theories and what comes next in our lives, Art asked: "You once said that you're always one book away from having all the answers. Have you found that book yet?"

Have you figured out the answers?”

I said: “No, but it doesn’t bother me as much as it used to. I’ve decided that searching for answers is more important than the answers themselves.”

Berry D. Simpson

Cybercolumn for 4/12 by Jeanie Miley: A necessary task in changing times_41904

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CYBERCOLUMN: A necessary task in changing times

By Jeanie Miley

On my way to work, I made my customary turn onto a back street, only to discover that still one more street is “under repair,” delaying my arrival back at my office by 20 minutes.

I spent that 20 minutes going over my usual routes in this city, Houston, trying to think of one part of my usual traffic pattern that isn’t “under repair.” I failed, and the sad thing is that the biggest road upheaval is going

to be “under repair” for at least three years! Between my house and the places I go on a daily basis, there will be traffic snarls and delays for three years.

Jeanie Miley

Commentary by Megan Wiliford: America’s strongest foundation_41904

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COMMENTARY: America’s strongest foundation

By Megan Williford

When separation of church and state arises for discussion, more often than not, strong opinions are voiced quickly. One must ask several questions: What exactly does separation of church and state mean? What were the Founding Fathers’ intentions when creating the First Amendment’s free exercise and establishment clauses? Where does the line between separation of church and state begin? How long is it? And most importantly, where does it end?

America was founded under Judeo-Christian principles, and I believe the foundation, the solid ground laid before us with every possibility for freedom, liberty and the right to happiness, lies in the trust and faith in the church. In addition, I also believe that due to this solid ground instilled by our Founding Fathers, America is the greatest nation in the world.

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**First African-American
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First African-American graduate of Southwestern Seminary still preaching at 100

By George Henson

Staff Writer

FORT WORTH—One hundred-year-old Eugene Florence has seen plenty of change in his lifetime, but the gospel of Jesus Christ and his heartfelt desire to preach it have not wavered at all.

Buckner marks 125 years of ministry to children, families and the elderly_40504

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The population of the Buckner Orphans Home grew dramatically in the early part of the 20th century, with entire family groups of children accepted as residents. The children pictured were representative of orphans from the Great Depression.

Buckner marks 125 years of ministry to children, families and the elderly

DALLAS-The vision for Buckner Baptist Benevolences began 125 years ago in the heart of R.C. Buckner and his love for “widows and orphans.” Today, it touches points around the globe.

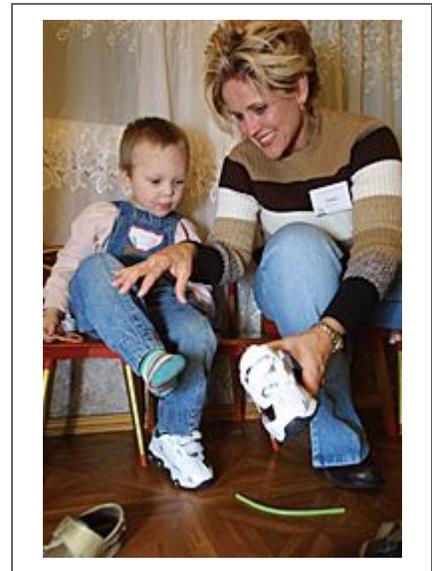
Burdened by a deep concern for the weak and vulnerable, Buckner—a Baptist preacher and editor—traveled Texas to campaign for the creation of

an orphans' home. He found an ally in Texas Baptist deacons. After a series of letters, he called for the formation of a Texas Baptist Deacons Convention.

See related articles:

- [Buckner honors BGCT, Park Cities, orphans' home alumnus](#)
- [Buckner marks 125 years of ministry](#)

At the deacons' meeting in Paris, Buckner sponsored a resolution to begin an orphans' home as soon as \$2,000 could be raised, and those present named him fund-raising agent for the project. Under the shade of a spreading oak tree, Buckner passed a hat, putting the first dollar in himself. When the collection was counted, it totaled \$27.



Buckner's Shoes for
Orphan Souls
humanitarian aid drive,
expects to net its 1
millionth pair of new,
donated shoes in 2004.
The shoes are sent to
children in more than
30 countries.